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Media Alert

No change in the Number of Available Vaccines for the February 6 Clinic; Available Appointments Result of Ineligible Registrants who have been Disqualified City of Framingham Verifying Eligibility of each Registrant

Framingham, MA – On Saturday, January 30, the City disqualified ineligible registrants from the February 6 Vaccine Clinic at Keefe Technical High School (individuals younger than 75 or who are not residents of Framingham). Simultaneously, the State's Vaccine Portal released the appointments and notified the first group on the waitlist that there were available appointments on the website. The February 6 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic will still vaccinate 300 Framingham residents who are 75 years or older. No new appointments have been added.

"Saturday's events confused many residents, which I know is extremely frustrating," said Interim Health Department Director Alexandra DePalo. "Everyone, including the State and Framingham, is doing our best to get people vaccinated as quickly as possible. We understand how hard it is to find an appointment when the demand is so high, and the amount of vaccine is so limited."

Due to high demand and a constrained supply at the State and Federal level, Framingham's ability to provide vaccines to residents is limited. This may change in the coming weeks, and the City is monitoring the latest information to respond to residents responsibly.

Residents who are currently eligible for the vaccine and are able to travel can also seek out appointments at mass vaccination sites or through hospital systems. Residents who have a primary care doctor should contact them and learn if they plan to offer the vaccine.

Framingham's Public Health Department is currently planning future vaccine clinics for residents who are aged 75 and older. Each week the City will learn how many vaccines are available for upcoming clinics, and that number may change over time. Due to the large number of registrations and the limited availability of the vaccine, this process will be ongoing. The City recommends that people regularly check the State's website for availability. We ask residents to please remain patient and continue critical preventive measures to help slow the spread of the virus; wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash hands frequently.

For updated vaccine information, visit: https://www.framinghamma.gov/3214/COVID-19-Vaccine- https://www.framinghamma.gov/4014/COVID-19-Vaccine-